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1	THE REPORTER: Usual	1	make her objection, and then you can go ahead and
2	stipulations?	2	answer my question if you understand it. Okay?
3	MR. BERLIN: Yes.	3	A. Yes.
4	MS. ALLEN: Yes.	4	Q. All right. So let's get started. And
5		5	again, some of this is going to be the same as
6	(By agreement of counsel, the	6	what happened in the last deposition, but I just
7	reading, signing, sealing, certification	7	have to do it again for the record, so just bear
8	and filing are waived; and all objections,	8	with me.
9	except as to the form of the question, are	9	How long have you worked for
10	reserved until the time of trial.)	10	the City of Philadelphia?
11		11	A. For 35 years.
12	GEORGE T. HAYES, M.D., having	12	Q. And what's your current title?
13	been first duly sworn to tell the truth, was	13	A. Medical Director of Employee Medical
14	examined and testified as follows:	14	Services.
15		15	Q. And how long have you had that title?
16	EXAMINATION	16	A. For the entire time.
17		17	Q. Okay. Do you know how the
18	BY MR. BERLIN:	18	Philadelphia Police Department selects what types
19	Q. Okay. Dr. Hayes, my name is David	19	of drug tests to administer on the on its
20	Berlin. I'm the attorney for the plaintiff, Dawn	20	police officers?
21	Kennedy. We met a few months ago when I had a	21	A. Yes.
22	deposition with you for another case, so I know	22	Q. How what's the process? How is it
23	you're familiar with the process. I do appreciate	23	done?
24	your time.	24	A. It really depends upon whether you're
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1	A. Exactly.	1	a full-time police officer versus whether you are
2	Q. Yes. So I'll just give the basic	2	an applicant. Which category would you like for
3	instructions and then we'll get into it.	3	me to address?
4	First all, do you understand	4	Q. Well, for example, how does the City
5	that you're under oath today?	5	of Philadelphia decide the types of drug tests to
6	A. Yes.	6	use? I know there's different kinds, like
7	Q. Do you understand that you have an	7	urinalysis or a hair test. How does the City pick
8	obligation to tell the truth?	8	the test?
9 10	A. Yes. Q. Are you under the influence of any	9	A. I can't tell you how exactly they pick the test. I can only say that over time the urine
	medications that could affect your ability to	11	was the initial test that was done, and at some
11 12	testify?	12	
13	A. No.	13	point a number of years ago, and I don't know exactly how long ago, it was decided that hair
	Q. As you know, because we're on the	14	testing would be done as well, but the specific
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14 15	·	15	how they did that I can't tell you other than
15	phone, if you can't hear me, just let me know, and	15 16	how they did that, I can't tell you other than that it was a consensus based on probably multiple
15 16	phone, if you can't hear me, just let me know, and also, I would ask that you let me just give my	16	that it was a consensus based on probably multiple
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15 16 17 18	phone, if you can't hear me, just let me know, and also, I would ask that you let me just give my full question, and then I'm going to pause, and I'll give you a full amount of time to respond.	16 17 18	that it was a consensus based on probably multiple individuals. Q. Do you know who made the decision to
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21	phone, if you can't hear me, just let me know, and also, I would ask that you let me just give my full question, and then I'm going to pause, and I'll give you a full amount of time to respond. Okay? A. Yes. Q. At some point during the deposition,	16 17 18 19 20 21	that it was a consensus based on probably multiple individuals. Q. Do you know who made the decision to start using hair tests? A. No. Q. Were you involved in the decision?
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	phone, if you can't hear me, just let me know, and also, I would ask that you let me just give my full question, and then I'm going to pause, and I'll give you a full amount of time to respond. Okay? A. Yes. Q. At some point during the deposition, it's possible that the opposing counsel might	16 17 18 19 20 21 22	that it was a consensus based on probably multiple individuals. Q. Do you know who made the decision to start using hair tests? A. No. Q. Were you involved in the decision? A. Not the decision, itself. We I was
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	phone, if you can't hear me, just let me know, and also, I would ask that you let me just give my full question, and then I'm going to pause, and I'll give you a full amount of time to respond. Okay? A. Yes. Q. At some point during the deposition,	16 17 18 19 20 21	that it was a consensus based on probably multiple individuals. Q. Do you know who made the decision to start using hair tests? A. No. Q. Were you involved in the decision?

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it marijuana or something else, and you test that

person's hair that has blond hair versus red hair

versus brunette hair or very dark hair, that the

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Page 9 Page 11 1 Q. Is there like a working group or a 1 dark-haired person, when tested at the same point 2 committee that decides -- like that does the 2 after exposure, will have a higher level of 3 evaluation? 3 whatever drug it is. So that's been a historical 4 A. Could you ask me that in a little 4 fact. 5 greater detail? 5 And there's also a historical 6 Q. Yeah. 6 fact that because of color of most individuals who 7 7 Is there some sort of committee are black, the hair color and the hair thickness. 8 8 that sets the best practices for testing, or that they fall into that category as well. 9 decides what test to use? 9 Q. How long have you known about that 10 A. I'm not aware of a definitive 10 concept? 11 committee. I know that it's carried out -- the 11 A. Well, it's -- it's been something 12 action, itself, of doing the physical hair testing 12 that's been around for a long period of time, and 13 13 is carried out by the Internal Affairs unit. it's something that I think that most 14 There is a unit within the Police Department that 14 toxicologists are aware of. 15 15 does make these decisions, or decides on the And historically, it's -- at mechanisms of how it's done and who will do it, 16 16 least from the Medical Review Officer's point of 17 but I'm not -- I don't interact with those people. 17 view, if we do commericial driver's license 18 Q. Just to be clear, I don't want to know 18 testing as a part of that program, hair has not 19 anything that you've talked about with the City's 19 been included in that process for testing attorneys, that's attorney-client privileged 20 20 because the question is they didn't want to get 21 into an issue that looks at some bias or --21 information, but besides them, have you ever had 22 22 regarding hair color or that would offer an issue. any discussions with people that work for the City 23 of Philadelphia about whether or not the hair drug 23 So therefore, hair testing has not yet been incorporated into the Federal program 24 test has any kind of discriminatory impact on 24 Page 10 Page 12 1 African-Americans? 1 for workplace drug testing. 2 2 Q. Okay. And I appreciate that A. No. 3 Q. Have you ever heard of that concept 3 information, but my question is just simply how 4 4 long have you known about the concept. before? 5 A. Oh, I'm sorry. I thought -- okay. 5 A. Yes. Q. When did you hear about that concept? 6 Please forgive me. 6 7 7 A. It had to be at least I would say 15 Again, 15 years. 8 years ago. 8 Q. Okay. And is there anyone at the 9 9 Q. And how did you learn about that? City, that works for the City, that's responsible 10 A. Actually, there have been some studies 10 for examining whether or not the hair drug test is 11 done that point to the issue of hair being 11 the best practice, or could potentially have a 12 something that may give you some partial or some 12 discriminatory impact? different results in different hair, colors as 13 13 A. Not that I'm aware of. I'm certain 14 14 well as hair thickness. So they've done studies that it really comes from the level of the 15 15 Commissioner, but I can't tell you who those historically. 16 I was recently at a Medical 16 parties would be or who those parties are. 17 17 Review Officer recertification and that issue came Q. If you -- I'm not asking for a 18 up, and it's the same information that has been 18 conclusion, I'm just saying if you did learn that there was a discriminatory impact, I'm not saying 19 around for the last 15 years, and that is that if 19 20 20 that you have to agree with that, I'm saying if you expose the same individual -- if you're doing 21 the testing process to the same level of drug, be 21 you did learn that, would it be part of your role

A. Well, yes, it would be, and I think

that what I just related to you is something that

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to notify the City?

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has -- people have been aware of, toxicologists have been aware of that, and I think that that's something that -- however, it has not been so significant from the point of view of those who had decided that, that it was an issue, that would override or stop them from doing the testing process.

- Q. Are you a toxicologist, by the way?
- A. No.

- Q. Okay. Does the City of Philadelphia employ toxicologists?
- A. Not directly. Usually -- I mean, what happens is that for urine or hair testing, the lab that does the testing, itself, will supply toxicologists if there are questions. So if I have a question regarding hair or urine, there's -- I would contact the toxicologist from either lab that's actively doing that test for us and question them.
- Q. Do you think you're qualified to know whether the hair drug test has a discriminatory impact?
- A. No, I do not, to be very honest with you. I can only recite to you what I recited

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A. Okay. Again, I'm -- I can't tell you how. I can only tell you that within the hiring process, and within the internal workings of the Police Department, which I am really not familiar with, I don't -- I really don't interact directly with those decision makers, but they would, I'm certain, look at the most recent data to decide if this is something that's worthwhile, or are they willing to take a chance, based on their concerns regarding drugs, whether there is any validity, and if that validity is something that has stood up.

I don't know all the legal interactions or ramifications of drug testing done throughout the country, but undoubtedly, this issue of hair color, texture, has been something that's been on the -- on the plate in regard to hair testing from the very onset.

- Q. Okay. What is your specific role with the hair and drug testing? For example, when an officer has a positive test, are you involved in that?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. So what is your involvement?

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previously based on information that's been related to me from the experts.

- Q. When information has been related to you, did you ever convey that information to decision makers at the City about the test?
- A. The answer to that is no, because as I said initially, I was not actively a part of that process of deciding to do hair testing.
- Q. The practice or policy of doing hair testing by the City, is that ever revisited from time to time?
- A. I can't answer that honestly because I know that questions have come up, but I don't know if there's a mechanism for it to periodically be evaluated. I think that that is something that would be an appropriate thing to be done periodically, but again, that's decided from usually the level of the Commissioner and those people who are directing her accordingly. Him or her.
- Q. Okay. I guess I'm just trying to learn a little bit about the process. I mean, how would the Commissioner -- if you know, how would the Commissioner learn about this kind of issue?

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A. If an officer -- Internal Affairs, actually, for the Police Department does all the hair testing. The individuals in that group that do the testing are certified for doing the testing process.

What happens, if a test comes back positive, they bring that result to me. We have a Sergeant Williams, who works out of our office, from Internal Affairs. I would review the data and look at the results, have the officer brought in, who would sit down with the Sergeant and question that person regarding potential exposure, be it environmental exposure or taking medications, things of that nature, that might give rise to the reason why there is a positive drug test on the hair, whether there's been an environmental exposure say at work or not at work, and as well as medications.

One of the things that you question now also is, because of the use of medical marijuana, whether they might be using a drug as a medical marijuana agent, and it's been decided that police officers know that medical marijuana is not a reasonable acceptance for

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a 13 percent cross-reactivity, when we've -- when

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Page 17 Page 19 1 having a positive urine or hair sample. 1 I've looked up, that you may have with CBD. If 2 Q. Okay. Well, I'll represent to you 2 you use a CBD product, be it a hair product, or 3 that for this case, Dawn Kennedy had her 3 oil intake product, or a liniment or something, 4 deposition yesterday, and one of the things she 4 there's a likelihood that you may get a said, she represented at her deposition -- or I'll 5 5 cross-reactivity with CBD. 6 6 represent that she said was that Sergeant Williams Even in those cases, those 7 told her she can have a re-test but that the 7 cases historically have been, from the 8 re-test wouldn't change the City's decision to 8 department's point of view -- because there's a 9 9 terminate her. directive, I believe, that says you can't use 10 Do you know anything about 10 products that might potentially have THC, 11 11 tetrahydrocannabinol, that those are not that? 12 A. No, I don't know anything about that 12 acceptable reasons for having a positive urine. 13 specifically. I do know that for hair testing --13 That's been historically Internal Affairs and the 14 no, I really don't know anything. 14 Police Department's take on that. 15 I know for urine we do a second 15 Q. Do you know if you told Dawn Kennedy 16 sample, an A and B split, depending upon the --16 when you met her whether or not you thought that 17 the amount of hair that a person might have, and 17 the test was accurate or valid? 18 it's collected usually -- I was of the impression, 18 A. Well, I can't tell you specifically 19 and I might be wrong, that all the hair that's 19 about Ms. Kennedy, but I can say to you that my 20 collected is tested, and there's no second sample 20 impression is that the test, itself, from a 21 to have available. 21 chemical and toxicology -- toxicological point of 22 22 The second sample would be the view, is valid. I mean, I believe -- I don't 23 sample that you would test or re-test for urine, 23 24 but I'm not clear whether that's true for hair or 24 believe that there is anything that's done Page 18 Page 20 intentionally to move one way or another, but 1 not. 1 Q. Do you recall Dawn Kennedy's case 2 2 it -- I think that when you look historically at 3 specifically? 3 hair testing, there have always been questions of 4 4 A. I've read my notes, and I did meet whether there may be some bias in one way or 5 with her on 3/27 with Sergeant Williams, but I 5 another. Q. Well, let me clarify my question, 6 can't remember her case in any greater detail. 6 7 Q. Do you recall if Dawn mentioned that 7 then. Do you know if you told Dawn Kennedy that 8 she was using certain hair products? 8 you thought there was anything valid or invalid 9 9 A. Yes. about her specific test? 10 A. Not that I'm aware of, and that would 10 Q. Did that matter to you? 11 not be something that -- that I would historically A. Well, there are no hair products, that 11 12 see, but I would -- as I'm talking to you, I would 12 I'm aware of, that might give rise to a positive 13 say the same thing to the patient, the things that 13 hair from marijuana. Now, we quite often run across 14 I've stated to you. 14 15 Q. Okay. I'll just make a 15 this situation where a person might --16 16 representation, and this is -- I'm not -- it's not particularly today, might be taking CBD oil, and word for word, I'm paraphrasing, but my memory is 17 CBD oil, you can use it on your hair, you can use 17 18 that yesterday she said something like you told 18 products that have hemp, because CBD oil comes 19 her that you thought her particular test was, I'm 19 from hemp, and there can be -- and CBD oil has 20 just quoting, like she said BS. 20 cannabinoids in it, because CBD is a -- the active 21 Do you remember anything like 21 component that we -- supposedly use is cannabinol. 22 that? 22 There are hundreds of types of 23 A. I don't think I would say that. When 23 cannabinols, and there's a cross-reactivity, about

our meeting was done, actually, or anybody, I

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don't normally respond in that way, and I would not respond in that way because I know that the test, itself, is valid, and actually, Sergeant Williams is with me when I'm meeting with her, so that's not my normal way of responding.

- Q. Is there anything in the documents you've looked at for Dawn Kennedy that make you question her particular test?
- A. Not the specifics of the test, no, not at all. I think that it was, based on what I can see, the collection process, which we call the chain of custody, is intact. So I can't say there's any, you know, variance as far as that's concerned.
- Q. Did you ever learn whether Dawn was around marijuana at times with her job, like there was, you know, for example, marijuana in the police station a lot and things like that, not because they were using it recreationally, but from drug arrests?
- A. No, I'm not aware. And that's something that at least the labs -- one of the things that you talk about when you do hair testing is the washing of the product, itself,

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A. Because I'm not a toxicologist, I can say I honestly don't know. I have no reason for offering an opinion in regards to that.

I can only tell you that -that environmental exposure is something that would concern me, and particularly now because

7 with vaping of THC products you can be exposed to 8 marijuana in the environment and not even be 9 aware, because vaping THC doesn't give you the 10 same smell exposure or -- you know, that smoking 11 marijuana, itself, does.

> So when you vape the chemical, and a lot of -- medically you are able to collect that now -- in the State of Pennsylvania you're able to do that, you might be around someone smoking marijuana and not be aware of that.

- Q. Do you know if the City of Philadelphia or the Police Department, the Philadelphia Police Department, has considered using an alternative test that would potentially not have a discriminatory impact?
- A. No. I mean, I -- you know, there is -- there's saliva testing. There's urine testing. Their's hair testing. The thing about

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that's another issue, whether certain hairs, because of their -- their nature or because of their texture, whether it releases or does not release potential environmental exposure to a chemical.

So the washing process historically has been a question, whether people with darker hair or people with a certain quality hair, thicker hair, whether their hair samples might be positive for longer periods of time, or there may be external factors involved with a positive sample.

That's something that has been thought about and has historically been looked at, but it's something that has not been a reason why a hair sample is deemed not acceptable.

- Q. If Dawn was around marijuana a lot through her job, would that be taken into account in her case that we're here for?
 - A. No.
- Q. And I heard your previous answer, I don't mean to disregard it or anything, but if Dawn was around marijuana a lot through her job, would that have mattered?

hair, hair gives you a longer window of potential

- 1 2 exposure. That can be a positive thing if your
- 3 employee -- you want to see if there's some
- 4 historical event, or it can be a negative thing if
- 5 you are in a situation where someone may have been
- 6 accidentally exposed to a product, and so the 7 window of time, it runs, and it depends on what
 - the party is looking for.

When you're looking at applicants, I think that it's something that -and I think it's something that's good because you can look back and see what -- it gives you a potential 90-day period of time, or sometimes longer if it's body hair, a window of potential exposure, but that's all I can say. I can't tell you whether it's something that should or should not be done.

- Q. Just give me one second.
- A. Take your time.
- Q. Do you know whether Dawn Kennedy was 2.0 21 offered the opportunity to resign instead of being 22 terminated?
 - A. I don't know that.
 - Q. Do you know if it's common when

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1	Philadelphia police officers test positive for	1	CERTIFICATE
2	drugs that they are given some sort of window	2	
3	where they can resign or otherwise be terminated	3	I, ROBIN FRATTALI, Registered
4	within a certain short period of time?	4	Professional Reporter, do hereby certify that the
5	A. Honestly, again, that's an Internal	5	proceedings, evidence, and objections noted are
6	Affairs action, and I'm really am not familiar	6	contained fully and accurately in the notes taken
7	with that at all.	7	by me of the preceding deposition, and that this
8	Q. One sec.	8	copy is a correct transcript of the same.
9	MR. BERLIN: All right. That's	9	
10	all I have, but the opposing counsel might	10	
11	have something for you.	11	
12	BY MS. ALLEN:	12	
13	Q. Hi, Dr. Hayes.	13	ROBIN FRATTALI
14	A. Yes.	14	Registered Professional
15	Q. Just some really quick questions. I	15	Reporter - Notary Public
16	wanted to go back to when you were asked about the	16	•
17	decision-making process to use hair tests.	17	
18	A. Yes.	18	
19	Q. Do you know if Philadelphia police	19	The foregoing certification does not
20	officers are under a contract?	20	apply to any reproduction of the same by any
21	A. Yes. There is a union contract that	21	means, unless under the direct control and/or
22	the Philadelphia police officers work under, yes.	22	supervision of the certifying reporter.
23	Q. And do you know if hair testing or	23	
24	hair testing procedures are agreed upon by the	24	
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1	union and members of the City or Police		
2	Department?		
3	A. I know there are certain directives		
4	that that relate to urine and hair, but I don't		
5	know if that's a part of the contractual process.		
6	I really don't.		
7 8	MS. ALLEN: Okay. Thank you. That's all I had.		
9	THE WITNESS: Thank you.		
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11	MR. BERLIN: Thanks for your		
12	time, Dr. Hayes.		
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17	witness was excused and the deposition was		
18	concluded.)		
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